

## Index Cards – Research Papers

Index cards are usually 3 inches by 5 inches (3x5) or 4 inches by 6 inches (4x6). They are made of paper that is heavier than notebook paper. This paper describes how you can use them for writing a term paper or research paper.

### Research Papers

Write one idea down on each index card.

Write down the name of the author and the title of the book, magazine article, etc.

Here's an example.

One author and source for each index card.

Charles Evert
1995
The Hurricane of 1992
U of Miami Press

author

date

title

publisher

Here's an example of one idea for each card.

The hurricane of 1992 was named Andrew
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One idea per card.

When you have enough ideas, you put the cards together.

Put the cards in the order in which you want to write your paper.

Start writing by taking the idea from each card and putting it in a complete sentence.

Put similar ideas together – string them together like shells on a necklace.

